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SUBJECT: VISIT BY PEACE COUNCIL DELEGATION ON PUERTO
RICAN INDEPENDENCE

REF: STATE 1)-378, PARAMARIBO 0350

1. THE THREE-MEMBER TRAVELING DELEGATION FROM THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL VISITED TRINIDAD AUGUST 3-6 " DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NON INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO TO BE HELD IN HAVANA IN SEPTEMBER. THE DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF DR. FRANCIS MELI OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, DR. RAFAEL PEGRAZA OF THE CUBAN PEACE COUNCIL, AND PEDRO ALBIZU OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEACE COUNCIL. DURING THEIR VISIT THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION MET WITH THEIR HOSTS, THE T&T PEACE COUNCIL, CALLED AT THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE. ON AUGUST 6 THEY FLEW ON TO THEIR NEXT STOP, VENEZUELA.

2. EXCEPT FOR THE SMALL AMOUNT OF COVERAGE GIVEN TO THEIR NEWS CONFERENCE IN THE LOCAL PRESS, THE
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DELEGATION'S VISIT PASSED WITHOUT CREATING ANY STIR.

ASIDE FROM OBTAINING THE PROMISE OF THE MINUSCULE AND POLITICALLY INSIGNIFICANT T&T PEACE COUNCIL TO FORM A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE AND TO SEND TWO DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE, THE DELEGATION ACCOMPLISHED VERY LITTLE. THE GOTT DELEGATED THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (RABINDRANATH PERMANAND) TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION AND LISTEN TO THEIR CASE WIHOUT COMMENTING. PERMANAND TOLD THE CHARGE LATER THAT THE GOTT WOULD DEFINITELY NOT SEND A DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: THE GOTT, WHICH HAS DISPLAYED A VERY LOW LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE. IT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, FORBID OR ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE THE UNINFLUENTIAL T&T PEACE COUNCIL FROM DOING SO AND THEREBY GIVE THE TRINIDADIAN LEFT YET ANOTHER STICK WITH WHICH TO GIVE "LICKS" TO THE GOVERNMENT.
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